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Do I Need an Undertaker, Mortician or Funeral Director?

The terms undertaker, mortician, and funeral director are synonymous and refer to someone who prepares bodies for burial or cremation and arranges funerals. The only real difference is that the requirements for becoming one vary by state. The term undertaker originated in the 1400s and did not refer to undertakers putting bodies underground, but rather to people who undertook a task related to woodworking, like building a coffin. In the late 1600s, undertaker began to refer to someone who prepared bodies for burial. In the 1800s, the term embalmer was used until a professional organization of embalmers decided to change the term to mortician because it sounded more like the word physician. The term funeral director replaced both terms in 1905.

At North Haven Funeral Home, we take great pride in caring for our families, and will work tirelessly to provide you with a beautiful, lasting tribute to your loved one. While honoring your loved one is our top priority, we also want to help you through this difficult time. We have a wide range of resources to support you not only today, but in the weeks and months to come. To learn about our funeral services, please call 203-239-1179. You are welcome to visit us at 36 Washington Avenue.

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Theresa LaRosa Furino, 85, of North Haven passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 24th, 2024, at Yale New Haven Hospital/St. Raphael campus with her family by her side. She was the beloved wife of the late Anthony "Chick" Furino. Theresa was born in Meriden on June 30th, 1939, and was the daughter of the late Ralph and Helen LaRosa. Mother of Cindy Rowe, Ann Marie Milliard (Rodney) and the late Anthony Furino, Jr. Grandmother of Kyle and Stephen Rowe, Kayla Charpentier, Michael Milliard (Ana) and Eric Milliard (Samantha). Great-Grandmother of Jayden Martin and Arianna Rowe. Sister of Dominic LaRosa (Gloria) and the late Grace Sieracki and Claudia Crooker. Sister-in-law of Kenneth Crooker and the late Bob Sieracki. Also survived by her favorite dog, Luna.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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Michala Marcuss Mullany 53, of Wallingford, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 19, 2024. She was born in Meriden on November 24, 1970, a daughter of Francis and Michele (DeLea) Marcuss.

In addition to her parents, Michala is survived by her son, Kyle Mullany; her daughter, Emma Mullany; her two brothers Francis and Robert Marcuss; her sister Elizabeth Marcuss; her grandchildren, Payten and Jeter Mullany as well as her many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org/donate

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Catherine Dobratz Norrie, passed away peacefully from natural causes on November 27, 2024. She was the loving wife of the late Jeremiah P. Norrie.

She is survived by her sons Richard and Russell Norrie, both of Wallingford Ct., four granddaughters, three great grandchildren, her sister Barbara Riotte; and five nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, gifts in her memory may be sent to the American Heart Association (www.heart.org).

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Manfred "Fred" Meisenkothen, 94, of Northford passed away peacefully on Sunday, November 24th, 2024, at his home with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband for 68 years to Marion E. Arthofer Meisenkothen. Fred was born in Astoria, Queens, New York on December 15th, 1929, and was the son of the late Friederich "Fritz" and Lucia E. Hoehn Meisenkothen. After high school, he served his country faithfully in the US Air Force from 1948-1952. Father of Karen Meisenkothen Scheiber, Heidi Meisenkothen, Frederick Meisenkothen (Jennifer Morse) and Christopher Meisenkothen (Jeannine Vollono). Grandfather of Kenneth M. Scheiber (Lacy) and Gregory E. Scheiber (Kate), Zachary Z. and Emma A. Meisenkothen, Alexander J., Nicholas J. and Annaliese J. Meisenkothen. Predeceased by a brother and sister-in-law Guenther and Jenny Meisenkothen.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org or Yale In-Home Hospice.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
www.northhavenfuneral.com.



Robert J. Flanagan, age 81, longtime resident of Hamden and recently Middlebury, passed away on November 26, 2024, at the Vitas Hospice Unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury after a long fight with Multiple Myeloma. Bob was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Dawn C. (Jerolman) Flanagan. Born in New Haven on March 18, 1943 to the late Kenneth and Helen Keating Flanagan.

He will be lovingly remembered by his son and daughter-in-law, Robert J. Flanagan, Jr. and Corrina; his grandchildren, Siobhan, Hugh, Ciaran, and Cian Flanagan; his brother, John P. Flanagan and his wife Mary Ann; niece, Eileen (Steven) and nephew, Kevin (Rachel).

Bob served for more than thirty years as a High School teacher and Administrator, which included 20 years in Hamden and 13 years (1986-1999) as Principal of Bethel High School in Bethel, Connecticut.

The family would like to thank the doctors and team at Smilow Cancer Hospital-North Haven for their care over the last two decades.

Should friends desire, memorial donations may be made to The Smilow Cancer Hospital at www.givetoynhh.org, or Southbury Middlebury Scholarship Foundation at www.smsfct.org.

Services were held at the Beecher Bennett
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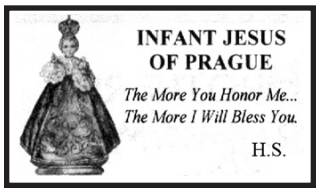

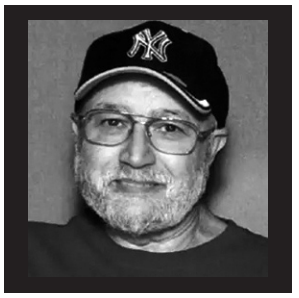

James A. Apuzzo, 70, of Hamden passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, at Yale New Haven Hospital/Smilow with his family by his side. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen Coppola Apuzzo for the past 49 years. James was born in New Haven on November 3rd, 1954, and was the son of the late James V. and Bertha Tuscano Apuzzo.

Father of Anthony Apuzzo (Jennifer), David Apuzzo (Rebecca) and Jeanette Apuzzo. Grandfather of James & Kylie Apuzzo, and Derick Mullin. Brother of Steven Apuzzo (Kim), Louis Apuzzo (Marianne), Anthony Apuzzo (Susanne) and the late Bruce Apuzzo. Also survived by many nieces and nephews.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org or a charity of one's choice.

Services were held at the North Haven Funeral Home
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Brian Francis Dempsey, 70, of Wallingford, CT, passed away at his home on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Brian was born in New Haven, CT, on February 14, 1954, the eldest son of the late Francis and Janet (Ohidy) Dempsey.

Brian is survived by his daughter, Cheyenne Dempsey and her partner, Jonathan Mercado; his sons, Sean Dempsey and his wife Wanda, and Adam Dempsey; his grandchildren, Aiden Cerna, Samantha Dempsey, Zachary Clark and Layla Mercado; his siblings, Sharon Keenan and her husband Timothy, Kevin Dempsey and his wife Donna, Deborah Doshna and her husband Dennis, and Sheri Dempsey and her partner Patrick; his nephews, Brett Barker and his partner Maryluz, Jack Barker and his wife Kerri, Steven Bristol and Michael Bristol; and his nieces, Corey Dempsey, Donna Dempsey and Haleigh Barker. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Ashley Dempsey.

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St. Ann's Food Pantry

Hamden: St. Ann's Food Pantry at 322 Circular Avenue (rear building), is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month from 9:30-10:30am.

For more information, please call (203) 248-0141.

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St. Andrew's Welcomes All!

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, the white church on the hill in the heart of Northford, has been an integral part of Northford since 1763! Worship services are held Sundays at 10am, except during the Summer are held at 9am (from June through Labor Day). Refreshments and fellowship always follows. Please join us - we'd love to get to know you! All are always welcome!!

St. Andrew's supports many community programs. The Food Pantry of North Branford is located in the lower level of St. Andrew's Parish Hall. St. Andrew's annually contributes to the North Branford Scholarship Program; North Branford Social Services Thanksgiving Basket Share and the Christmas gift and food basket share programs; Back-to-School backpacks; clothing donations (donation shed located at the back of the church parking lot); and more.

A number of fundraising events are held throughout the year to help us help our neighbors, such as a Rhubarb Fest, Ice Cream Socials, and Harvest Supper. Also, the Parish Hall is available for rent for birthday parties, showers, receptions, etc.

The Rev. Bryan Spinks is St. Andrew's priest; Nan Monde is Sr. Warden. For more information please contact Nan at (203) 710-7005.

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Food Pantry Dishes Out Groceries for Those in Need

North Haven: The Churches of North Haven Food Pantry is located at the North Haven Congregational Church. Those in need can call (203) 239-5691 to provide information to be registered for receiving non-perishable food once per month at pre-arranged scheduled pickup times.

The Food Pantry is supported by the North Haven community, many denominations of faith in North Haven as well as organizations including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, Elks, Renegade Pigs, the Lions, Rotary, Knights of Columbus.

Anyone wanting to make a monetary or non-perishable donation can also call the North Haven Congregational Church, (203) 239-5691. Neighbor helping neighbor. There is food need year-round. Volunteers staff the Food Pantry to make food available for pre-scheduled monthly pickups.

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Alpha Program at St. Paul VI Parish

Hamden: Alpha is a series of sessions exploring life and the Christian faith. Our Fall Alpha program runs through Dec. 13.

We invite you to join us Thursday evenings from 6-8pm at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church to share a meal, view a film, and discuss meaningful topics with new friends. All are welcome, but registration is required.

For more information about the Alpha program, course details, and registration information, visit the parish website at: ham dencatholic.org

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PRAYER INFORMATION

All prayers cost $12 per prayer, per week. The deadline is Wednesday for the following Tuesday's Issue. Please mail to The Advisor, P.O Box 460, North Haven, CT 06473-0460 or bring in to our office, 87 State Street (Kings Acres), North Haven, with payment, correct initials and code number found in lower left corner of prayer.